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TO Chief of Base, Salzburg
FROM Chief of Mission, Vienna
Chief, EE

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SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/GROOVY
SPECIFIC GROSSBAHN Termination

Ref: EASA-2379, 2412; DIR 25635, DIR 27255

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1. As pointed out in reference cables, we are doing our utmost to expedite the arrangements for GROSSBAHN's departure. What has slowed up the matter so far has been the checks undertaken by Security with other agencies. Until the results are in, formal arrangements cannot be made with ODURGE. It is expected that all checks will be completed by 27 November, and that a definite ODURGE decision can be obtained by approximately 1 December, assuming, of course, that the checks do not disclose information of so derogatory a nature that it would preclude sponsorship. We therefore recommended in DIR 27255 that the target date of 5-12 December be continued.

2. As mentioned in this same cable, there is an outside possibility that some delay may take place. Although this seems unlikely, we have, nevertheless, made inquiries as to what could be done in such a case. We have been advised that GROSSBAHN should in no case leave Austria until everything is completely laid on with ODURGE. In the event it became evident that his visa would expire before the arrangements were completed, it would be possible to arrange to exchange his present visa for a new one having the same number, provided this exchange were made before the actual expiration of his present visa. If, therefore, the unexpected happens and by 15 or 16 December the arrangements with ODURGE are not finalized, it will be necessary to obtain a new visa. However, we do not anticipate any such complication, and mention it only as an outside contingency.

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(2)(A) Privacy
(2)(B) Methods/Sources
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3. Household Goods. With reference to paragraph 2 of LHM-2379, we asked in DEX 27255 for an estimate of the shipment charges, since we must get the project amended in order to get funds for this purpose. We hope that the estimate will be as reasonable as possible, for in view of the current economy drive, it will be difficult to get approval if the estimate is high.

4. U.S. Contact Arrangements.

a. The question has been raised as to whom GROSSBAUM should contact if he encounters difficulty at the time of entry into the United States. This problem will not arise, as the arrangements to be made with ODIBEX will include their having a man to meet GROSSBAUM's plane and guide him through the immigration formalities. We shall cable details before GROSSBAUM's departure.

b. Arrangements are being made to set up a post office box so that GROSSBAUM can contact us and advise where he would like the balance due him to be sent. This post office box will be in effect for six months, and GROSSBAUM can use it during that time if he has any other reason to communicate with us. As a matter of fact, we would appreciate being kept generally advised of his job-seeking efforts, and would particularly like to be informed when he lands a definite job. Although we plan to provide for the letter drop for the limited period of 6 months, we could extend its validity in case of necessity.

5. References. This problem is a rather difficult one to solve, particularly on a long-term basis. What we are working on is as follows: we are trying to arrange for a particular officer in ODIBEX to serve as a back-stop when GROSSBAUM is asked by a prospective employer for a reference for his employment during the time he worked for ZIPPER and KIBARK. GROSSBAUM should state he was a contract employee and that only this particular individual would know of the details of the arrangement. Full details will be sent you as soon as the arrangements with this ODIBEX officer are completed. We would like to point out, however, that this cover created for GROSSBAUM is not a particularly sturdy one. It would not stand up under investigation by the FBI, for example. But as GROSSBAUM is not a citizen, he will not apply for a government job where he would be investigated by the FBI. Nor would he be likely to apply for any sensitive position which would entail FBI investigation. With these reservations in mind, the cover created for him should fit his need, i.e., that of a reference address to which a prospective employer in business or finance might write.

In connection with the references to be furnished, it would be a great help if we were informed of GROSSBAUM's plans for job hunting. Does he know yet in which part of the country he would most likely settle? Does he have any leads or commitments? Where does he intend to go upon arrival in New York? We realize that it may be extremely

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difficult for GROSSBARN to make any definite plans from Austria, and any information given us now would be general in nature. However, it is necessary for us to know on a developing basis about his job-seeking so that the references furnished a prospective employer can bear connection with the type of position being applied for. For this reason we have suggested in paragraph 4b above that after arrival in this country he continue to keep us informed of his progress until he is settled in a job.

The arrangement with GIBBY has no definite period of validity, although it is expected that as long as the particular GIBBY individual who is briefed on the matter now remains in his present assignment it can be continued, and that if he leaves, he would ask his replacement to continue the arrangement. But we wish to emphasize that the cover address is primarily meant for the initial period following GROSSBARN's arrival in the United States.

We are waiting now to hear whether this cover can be arranged. If it cannot, we may have to build a private business cover for the period of his employment with us. Hence, the request in DIR 27255 for information as to the exact nature of his present cover.

6. Acknowledgment of Party Membership. We have discussed at length the question raised in 2434-2412 concerning the answer GROSSBARN should make to any inquiries put to him about his Party membership once he has arrived in the States. Assuming that he has not denied Nazi affiliations on his visa application form, he should definitely not deny his record if the matter comes up in dealings with US authorities and he is forced to give a point-blank answer. Thus, if asked, he should admit membership, but attempt to explain it away on the basis of extenuating circumstances. If he were to make a false statement on a citizenship application or other official paper, he would get into trouble. Actually, GROSSBARN is not entering the US under false pretenses, as ODUMS will have information concerning his past record in a secret file. He will enter legally under an ODUMS interpretation of the provisions of the immigration law applicable to his case. (Of course we are asking that they grant such a favorable interpretation.) We would very much like to recommend to GROSSBARN, both for his sake and our own, that he steer clear of any sensitive jobs and that, even when he becomes a citizen, he not try for any government position.

7. Citizenship. We have checked with Immigration the current requirements regarding citizenship. A person coming in on an immigration visa files no first papers under the regulations now in force. To become a citizen he must reside in the US five years, of which the last six months prior to application for citizenship must be in the district where he files his application. During the five-year period, he can go abroad, but not for a period exceeding six months at any one time. For information purposes, we are enclosing a copy of the form now in effect, although naturally there may be a number of changes five years from now.

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8. We hope that the above answers most of the questions about ORSCHERMAN's departure. We will cable re the COVERAGE arrangements, the letter box, and the references. In the meantime we are keeping fingers crossed and hoping that ORSCHERMAN's entry and resettlement will take place smoothly.

1 Attachment (h/v)
Form B-100

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ADDENDUM: Since preparing the above dispatch, Security has asked specifically about the explanation given by ORSCHERMAN of his Nazi past when filling out the visa application form, hence DIR 27694. Please tell us in detail what oral and/or written statements concerning his Nazi affiliations were made to the consulate when the visa application was submitted.

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